

Word Match-Up

Sort words by how they are made.

2.2.B.iv "decoding compound words, contractions, and common abbreviations;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPOUND WORD

A compound word joins two smaller words to make one new word.

rainbow

CONTRACTION

A contraction is a short form of two words. It has an apostrophe.

she's

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the tag for each word, then pick two numbered words and write how you knew each choice.

1. bedroom

COMPOUND

SHORT

2. cupcake

COMPOUND

SHORT

3. don't

COMPOUND

SHORT

4. football

COMPOUND

SHORT

5. we're

COMPOUND

SHORT

6. you'll

COMPOUND

SHORT

7. bathtub

COMPOUND

SHORT

8. notebook

COMPOUND

SHORT

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new compound word and one new contraction.

COMPOUND _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with one compound word and one contraction. Then name both words.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	bedroom	COMPOUND	bed + room
2	cupcake	COMPOUND	cup + cake
3	don't	SHORT	short for do not and has an apostrophe
4	football	COMPOUND	foot + ball
5	we're	SHORT	short for we are and has an apostrophe
6	you'll	SHORT	short for you will and has an apostrophe
7	bathtub	COMPOUND	bath + tub
8	notebook	COMPOUND	note + book

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **COMPOUND:** starfish
- **SHORT:** I'm

Challenge: She'll pack a lunchbox. Contraction: she'll. Compound word: lunchbox.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should explain that a compound word has two smaller words or that a contraction has an apostrophe and is short for two words. Accept other correct compound words and common contractions in Part 3.